(b) No, Sir.

(c) While including drugs for Trachoma Control, consideration has been to select commonly used effective drugs.

(d) Does not arise.

Purchase of Medicines by Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital

4127. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that items for Surgery, ENT and Dental Departments were purchased recently on priority basis at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi worth more than Rs. 80 lacs on very high price and from certain companies;

(b) whether the audit department has raised certain objections in the installation of public address system;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of complaints from some Members of Parliament and others have been received against the Medical Superintendent for emezzlement of lacs of Government funds;

(d) whether a vigilance enquiry has been initiated in this regard if so, what are the finding thereof and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the involved officials are suppressing the inquiry; if so, whether Government propose to hold the enquiry by Central Vigilance or Central Bureau of Investigations and to shift the Medical Superintendent to ensure impartial enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) During the year 1987-88, various items costing Rs. 73.29 lakhs were purchased on proprietory basis by Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi from 15 different companies for use in the ENT, Dental, Orthopaedic, Opthalmology and Anaesthesia Departments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Delhi Administration have recceived a few complaints against the Medical Superintendent, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital. These have been referred to the Vigilance Department, Delhi Administration, for investigation. The report is awaited.

Eye ointments based on Betamethasone and Dexamethasone

4128. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1031 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eye drops and eye ointments based on Betamethasone and Dexamethasone with without Neomycin are used more extensively than the eye ointment/eye drops of Hydrocortisone on account of the irritating properties of the later; and

(b) what are the purchases of eye ointments/drops of the above products for the National Health Programme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No Sir.

(b) No drugs are purchased under National Programme for Control of Blindness by Government of India.

Non-inclusion of some opthalmic drugs

4129. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Hydrocortisone ingredient drops/ointment for opthalmic use in India and what in the total sales of such preparations;

(b) whether it is a fact that total sales of Tetracycline group in opthalmic form was only Rs. 140 lakhs during 1986 and that of soframysin plain and it combination was Rs. 340 lakhs, that of Chloromphenicol it was Rs. 400 lakhs. Neosporin and Combinations it was Rs. 161 lakhs and